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1.

The laws controlling sanitation are the same in both parts of Germany. The enforcement in the Soviet Zone is more strict than in the Federal Republic.

2.

Whereas anti-typhus injections are not compulsory in the Federal Republic except when there are epidemics, anti-typhus injections are compulsory in the Soviet Zone. The program has been implemented and is effective.

3.

There are three large plants in the Soviet Zone which produce antibiotics, one of which is in Berlin. The products are good, but antibiotics are manufactured only for export to the USSR and are not available to the Germans. Germans in the Soviet Zone are only able to obtain antibiotics if they are sent by a relative or friend from Western Europe.

4.

We have no knowledge of any significant epidemics in the Soviet Zone. Refugees who arrive in the Federal Republic are insect infested because of the shortage of soap in the Soviet Zone.

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